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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FRENCH ADHERENCE TO MONTREAL CONVENTION

REF: (A) MONTREAL 170, (B) PARIS 1896

1. FRENCH COUNCIL REP WOULD APPPEAR TO BE ILL-INFORMED (REF A) IN STATING THAT GOF HAS RATIFIED MONTREAL CONVENTION AND IN IMPLYING THAT PROCEDURAL STEPS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. ACTUALLY, ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, EVEN THE PRE-RATIFICATION PROCEDURE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET IN MOTION WITHIN GOF ADMINISTRATION. ONLY DECISION TAKEN TO DATE, FOREIGN MINISTRY STRESSES, IS THAT GOF CURRENTLY "ENVISAGES" ADHERING TO MONTREAL CONVENTION, AS EMBASSY WAS INFORMED IN RECENT NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTED REF B AND PARIS A-40.

2. MME. LA BATUT, WHO HANDLES ICAO MATTERS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, OUTLINED STATUS OF THIS QUESTION AS FOLLOWS: STAFFWORK ON
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DRAFT BILL FOR RATIFICATION AND RELATED IMPLEMENTING

LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED HAS BEEN COMPLETED. GOF IS NOW AWAITING RECEIPT FROM UK GOVERNMENT OF CERTIFIED TRUE PRINTED COPY OF MONTREAL CONVENTION (PARA 4 REF B), SINCE CONSEIL D'ETAT WILL NOT RECOGNIZE PROCEDURE BASED ON OTHER THAN PRINTED TEXT. (PHOTOCOPY CERTIFIED AS TRUE COPY WHICH GOF NOW HAS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, WHICH IS WHY REQUEST WAS DIRECTED TO BRITISH). ONCE CERTIFIED TRUE COPY RECEIVED FROM UK, LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE WILL BE CIRCULATED TO LEGAL STAFFS OF ALL GOF MINISTRIES CONCERNED FOR THEIR FORMAL CLEARANCE, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONSEIL D'ETAT. THEREAFTER IT MUST GO TO PARLIAMENT FOR APPROVAL, TO PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC FOR SIGNATURE, AND RATIFICATION WILL BE COMPLETED ONLY WITH DEPOSIT OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION. MME. LA BATUT WAS UNABLE TO PREDICT WHEN LEGISLATION MIGHT GO BEFORE PARLIAMENT OR WHEN RATIFICATION MIGHT BE COMPLETED.

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